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In re Application of:  
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In response to the Official Action dated **12/17/2007**, reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the amendments and/or remarks as indicated below:

- ☐ **Amendments to the Specification** begin on page    of this paper.
- ☒ **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.
- ☐ **Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page    of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.
- ☒ **Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.